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| 20. Mr. W. Vijayaraghava Mudaliyar. | 25. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib |
| 21. Rao Bahadur Dr. C. Natesa Mudaliyar. | Bahadur. |
| 22. " A. Ramaya Punja. | 26. Mr. G. Vandanam. |
| 23. Dr. P. Subbarayan. | 27. " A. M. MacDougall. |
| 24. Saiyid Diwan Abdul Razaq Sahib. | |

Eighteen voted for and 27 against.

The motion was lost.

The Council then adjourned to meet again at 11 a.m. the next day.

L. D. SWAMIKANNU,

Secretary to the Legislative Council.

APPENDIX B.

[Vide page 2440 supra.]

Proceedings of the twenty-ninth meeting for 1922-1923 of the Standing Finance Committee of the Madras Legislative Council, held at Fort St. George on Saturday, the 10th March 1923.

PRESENT:

- (1) The Hon'ble Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER, K.C.S.I. (Chairman).
- (2) M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR AVARGAL.
- (3) " Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR AVARGAL.
- (4) " A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR AVARGAL.
- (5) Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB.
- (6) Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN.
- (7) Mr. A. M. MACDOUGALL.
- (8) " C. E. WOOD.

(Rao Bahadur O. TANIKACHALA CHETTIYAR did not attend.)

Read proposals relating to the extra provision of Rs. 7,500 required in the budget estimate for 1923-24 for raising the pay of Sarishtadars of temporary sub-courts from Rs. 100 to Rs. 125-5-150.

The Committee are unable to recommend the increase except in the case of courts with territorial jurisdiction.

2. Read proposals for increase in the estimated cost of quarters for five European Sub-Inspectors and three Sergeants, Wallajah Road, Madras.

The buildings to be constructed in three storeys, the ground floor to provide accommodation for four shops to be let to private individuals and the upper floors to accommodate eight officers. The original estimate of 1.55 lakhs has risen to 2.16 lakhs. A provision of Rs. 83,250 has been made in the budget for 1923-24 for this work.

The Committee would recommend the preparation of a fresh estimate for a two-storeyed building with quarters on the ground floor. It does not appear to them likely that shops would be easy to let in the locality in question.

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3. *Read* proposals for the construction of quarters for the taluk establishment, Gudalur, The Nilgiris.

At the meeting held on 20th January 1923, the Finance Committee recommended that provision be made for the work in the budget for 1923-24, but suggested that the total cost, which was estimated at Rs. 53,400, should be kept within Rs. 30,000. The plans and estimates have been scrutinized further by the Public Works Department with the result that it was found possible to make a reduction of only Rs. 9,727. The revised estimate for the work is thus Rs. 43,673.

Resolved to recommend that the revised estimate of Rs. 43,673 be accepted.

4. *Read* proposals for the constitution of a small armed reserve at Rajahmundry in the Godavari district.

At the meeting held on the 16th December 1922, the Finance Committee recommended to acceptance of a proposal to form a Striking Force of Military Police on the East Coast at Rajahmundry in place of the Rajahmundry Special Force. It was subsequently decided to locate the new force at Vizianagram. In view, however, of the existence of a large central jail at Rajahmundry, the Inspector-General of Police considers that a small force of armed police must be kept there. Further, the Rajahmundry Special Force supplied men for the performance of certain fixed and fluctuating duties such as Armoury guard, Sessions Court guard, escorts to courts and the Agency. The Inspector-General, therefore, proposes to add 5 head constables and 42 constables to the District Armed Reserve at Cocanada from which a detachment, to be relieved periodically, will be detailed to Rajahmundry. The cost of the staff amounts to Rs. 12,000 per annum.

The committee would like to know whether the duties in question could not be done by men deputed from the district reserve or the striking force.

5. *Read* proposals for the acquisition of site for a medical school at Guntur (cost Rs. 24,200).

The committee request that they may be given an opportunity of examining as a whole the scheme for a medical college at Vizagapatam and a medical school at Guntur of which this proposal forms an instalment.

6. *Read* note relating to the question of travelling allowance for journeys made by the Members of the Legislative Council during short adjournments.

The committee by a majority recommended no change.

7. *Read* proposals relating to the construction of a Dissecting block, Coimbatore medical school.

The estimate of Rs. 61,720 which was prepared in 1918 has now risen to Rs. 71,800.

Resolved to recommend that the revised estimate be accepted.

8. Supplementary demand for 1923-1924 of Rs. 4,200 for a leave reserve officer in the Survey department.

A provision of Rs. 4,200 was wrongly entered in the budget for 1923-1924 as for 'leave allowances' instead of for a 'leave reserve officer'.

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* The committee recommended acceptance of the proposal.

9. The committee recommended the acceptance of the proposal for the following supplementary demands based on the revised estimate for 1922-1923 :—

	Amount of demand.
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(1) Grant I—"Land Revenue Department", mainly for exchange and to meet excess charges under Talaiyaris.	4,53,000
(2) Grant III—"Stamps"—mainly for refunds and increased cost of stamp papers.	1,02,000
(3) Grant VII—"22. General Administration" on account of the construction of a combined cooking and dining saloon for His Excellency the Governor.	15,613
(4) Grant VII—Staff and Household of His Excellency the Governor, mainly travelling allowance and furniture.	19,600
(5) Grant IX—General Administration mainly exchange and refunds of lapsed deposits.	90,000
(6) Grant XI—Criminal Courts—on account of extra expenditure of Special Magistrates, for trying cases arising out of the Mappilla Rebellion.	36,000
(7) Grant XI—Criminal Courts—exclusive of the allotment in item (6) for officers and establishment of the Malabar Rebellion Courts.	41,650
(8) Grant XIII—Police, mainly additional travelling allowance and railway warrants.	4,37,417
(9) Grant XVII—Medical, mainly increase in voted salaries and payment to reserve officers.	44,310
(10) Grant XXIX—Pensions due to abnormal number of retirements and the proportionate pensions scheme.	2,55,485
(11) Grant XXVIII—Transferred—41. Civil Works—In charge of Public Works officers, on account of the purchase of the Port Officer's quarters as a hostel for the Brennen College, Tellicherry.	13,306
(12) Grant XXXI—Stationery and Printing—Transferred, due to stationery for the Excise Department having been charged by mistake to central.	16,700
(13) Grant XXXIII—32. Medical—Agency—Contribution to the Agency District Board—towards the cost of medical institutions.	18,442
(14) Grant XXXIII—"26. Police" on account of the Rampa disturbances.	16,112

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10. The following papers were placed on the table :—

(1) Note on the proposed extension of the temporary post of Deputy Secretary to Government in the Finance Department up to 31st July 1923, for the purpose of writing the new accounts manuals required by the Devolution rules.

(2) Note furnishing information regarding dietary charges in jails and the number of prisoners in the Agency sub-jail (with reference to the Finance Committee's proceedings of 2nd February 1923).

(3) Note regarding the division of the allotment for commuted value of pensions between gazetted and non-gazetted officers—preference to be given to non-gazetted officers wherever possible (with reference to the Finance Committee's proceedings of 19th January 1923).

(4) Detailed budget for Anti-hookworm Campaign (total provision of Rs. 12,000 in 1923–24).

(5) Note furnishing* details of the actuals of Rs. 2,36,925 for 1921–1922 under “34. Agriculture—Agricultural Stations and District work—District work” (with reference to the Finance Committee's proceedings of 9th January 1923).

	LAKHS.
(a) Improvement of cotton cultivation	1.38
(b) Green manure22
(c) District experimental cultivation . .	.77
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(6) Note explaining the reduced figure of 2.30 lakhs in the revised estimate for 1922–1923 as against the budget estimate of 5 lakhs for 1922–1923 on account of the contribution to local bodies towards the cost of medical institutions (with reference to the Finance Committee's proceedings of 31st January 1923).

[The reduction is *nominal*, as the Government contribution of 2.70 lakhs was taken as a set-off against the recoveries due from local bodies.]

(7) Note furnishing details of the lump figure of Rs. 1,10,214 in the actuals for 1921–1922 on account of ‘Remuneration to Examiners’ (with reference to the Finance Committee's proceedings of 9th January 1923).

(8) Note regarding the exhibition of details of establishments in the Excise Department in the revised estimate for 1922–1923 and actuals for 1921–1922 (with reference to the Finance Committee's proceedings of 9th January 1923).

[Details are not available in the books of the Accountant-General's office.]

(9) Note furnishing information regarding the provision of Rs. 990 in the Civil Budget Estimate for 1923–1924 on account of the old College Park (with reference to the Finance Committee's proceedings of 9th January 1923).

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- (10) Note regarding the provision in the budget for 1923-1924 for local fund audit establishments.

[The Public Accounts Committee at its meeting held on 23rd January 1923 emphasized the importance of strengthening the local fund audit establishments and considered that the re-organisation should be brought into full effect immediately and that such further funds as are necessary to finance it should be provided in the budget for 1923-1924. The immediate extra cost of bringing the whole scheme into effect in 1923-1924, taking note of the fact that it was presumably proposed to introduce it in five districts in 1922-1923, is Rs. 22,000.]

- (11) Note prepared at the instance of Rao Bahadur O. Tanikachala Chettiyar showing the Provincial Revenues for the period 1915-1916 to 1920-1921 as they were under the then existing system of divided heads and the grants to local bodies during the same period which were met out of (a) Imperial grants, and (b) Provincial revenues proper.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th March 1923.

C. G. TODHUNTER.



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